TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 6, 1900.

TWO CENTS.

# TO REDUCE

A Bill Introduced by Chairman Payne of the Ways and Means Committee.

#### THE TAXES ABOLISHED

Custom House Brokers, Circuses, Theaters and Other Exhibitions are Stricken Out-Reduction on Various Articles of Daily Use-Will be Reported to the House Today.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 5.-Chairmaa Payne, of the ways and means committee to-day introduced the bill reducing the taxation under the war revenue act after the Republican members of the committee had agreed on the form of the measure. The bill provides an aggregate reduction estimated at \$40,000,348. The estimated reductions in detail as given out by Mr. Payne are as follows: Geer, \$9,-832,712; eigars, \$3,189,764; special taxes (section 2), commercial brokers, \$3s,-281; custom house brokers, \$8,167; circus, 11,744; theaters, \$47,178; ex hibitions not otherwise provided, \$81 .-218; total special tax, \$287,589.

Schedule A-Bank checks, 87,000,000; certificates of deposit, \$200,000; drafts, inland, \$500,000; promissory notes, \$3,-500,000; postal orders, \$6,002,000; foreign bills of exchange, \$100,000; export bill of lading, \$100,000; express receipts, \$1,200,000; 'telephone messages, \$315,-000; bonds of indemnity, \$250,000; certificates other than of profit, \$200,000 charter party, \$100,000; brokers contracts, \$100,000; conveyances, \$3,000,-000; telegraph dispatches, \$\$60,000; insurance, \$3,000,000; leases, \$200,000; mortgages, \$500,000; passage tickets. \$200,000; power of attorney, etc., \$100,-000; protests, \$25,000; warehouse receipts, \$259,000; total schedule A. \$22,-

Schedule B-\$1.548.283. Less wines. \$600,000-\$3,948,283. Legacies, charitable etc., \$500,000; grand total, \$49,000,348. The bill provides a discount of 20 percent. In the tax of \$2 per barrel on beer, in lieu of the present 7 1-2 per cent, reduction, making the new rate \$1.60 per barrel.

brokers, circuses, theatres and other exhibitions are stricken out. on cigars is made

stead of \$3.00 per 1,000, weighing more than three pounds per thousand. Schedule A retains the stamp tax on corporate stock, bonds, etc., sales, etc., at exchanges or boards of trade, freight receipts, certificates of profits, entry of goods at custom houses, and entry for withdrawal of goods from customs bonded warehouse. With these exceptions, the stamp taxes under schedule A are struck out. Chairman Payne's statement gives in detail the stamp

taxes omitted under schedule A. Schedule B, which required stamps on proprietary medi ines and preparations, perfumery and cosmetics, chewing gum, etc., is amended so ther sparkling or other wines are the only products requiring stamps.

Section 29 of the war revenue act relating to taxes on legacies, is amended by adding at the end of said section the following:: "Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to bequests or legacies for uses of a religious, literary, charitable or devotional character including works of art."

Section 30 of the act is amended as to administrative features, and sections 10, 11, 18, 19 and 20 are repealed, as they relate to administrative features no longer necessary. The bill provides for redeeming rev-

enue stamps heretofore issued and not The concluding section provides that

the act shall take effect thirty days after its passage. Chairman Payne has called a meeting of the ways and means committee

for tomorrow morning, when he expects to have the bill reported to the house. He will then seek to have the bill considered after the army, oleo margarine and legislative bills are disposed of.

### COAL RATES ADVANCE.

Prices of All Kinds for Local Consumption Increase at Hazleton.

Hazleton, Dec. 5.-The prices of all kinds of coal for local consumption were advanced 25 cents today by the Lehigh Valley Coal company. is the first advance made since the strike. The miners in the region havbeen thoroughly organized efforts will now be made to form unions among all the tradesmen.

Fred Dilener, a member of the national hoard of the United Mine Workers, arrived here today to assist in organizing the brewery employes and the girls employed in the various factories. It is expected that the barbers plumbers and street car employes will be organized before Jan. 1.

### Verdict in Buck Mountain Case.

By Exclusive Wire, from The Associated Press, Shemmdeah, Pa., Dec. 5.—The jury selected by Deputy Coroner Bissell, of Maharoy iCry, to inquire into the rames which led to the death of the seven victims of the recent Back Meuntain explosion rendered a verifiet late last night censuring Mine Inspector Stein and the officials of the Mill Creek Coal company to maintaining an improper system of conducting air in the mine.

### Inspection of the Pennsy.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 5.-President Cassatt, as rempanied by a number of other ofacials of the Pennsylvana Railroad company, started teslay on a tour of inspection of its lines between Philhis and Pittsburg. The party will be gone

#### TOWNE WILL BE SENATOR.

Has Decided to Accept Appointment as Successor to Late Mr. Davis.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Duluth, Minn., Dec. 5.-Charles A. Towne tonight confirmed the report that Governor Lind had tendered him the United States senatorship to succeed the late Senator C. K. Davis, and said that he had decided to accept the appointment. He has telegraphed the governor to that effect. Mr. Towne refused to discuss the matter further, but said that he would leave for Washington, via St. Paul, tomorrow morning. There is great satisfaction in Duluth over the appointment, as irrespective of party lines, the feeling is general that Mr. Towne is the most prominen member of Governor Lind's party tr the state and that under the circumstance the honor of going to the senate should be his.

#### WHITE GIRL ELOPES WITH COLORED MAN

William Mann Will Be Tried on a Charge of Kidnapping.

By Evelusive Wire from The Associated Press Corning, N.Y., Dec. 5.-There is much excitement here over the elopement of William Mann, aged 24, colored, and Lottle Carr, a white girl, aged 15. Mann was arrested in Elmira tonight in company with Lottle Carr, as they were about to take a Northern Central train for Troy. Pa.

He will be brought back here fo trial on the charge of kidnapping.

### MINISTER CONGER IS INSTRUCTED

Secretary Hay Authorized to Sign Agreement on Behalf of U. S.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Washington, Dec. 5.-The state department has been informed that the foreign minister at Pekin yesterday reached an agreement which was submitted to the home office. Secretary Hay to-day cabled Mr. Conger authorizing him to sign the agreement on behalf of the United States government.

It is difficult to gather details of the understanding at this time. However it is known that in the two important phases that were still open, namely those relating to punishment and indepenity, the view of the United States government has prevailed. As to punishments, they are to be the severest that can be inflicted by the Chinese government. As to indemnity, the Chinese government is to formally admit its liability and then the matter is to be left for future negotiation. The sections of the revenue tax- It was understood that on the other ing commercial brokers, custom house points the French proposition has formed the basis of the agreement.

### KNOX MEETS DE WET.

Kitchener's Dispatches Dated Bloemfontein Tell of the Latest Engagement.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Dec. 5.-The war office has received the following from Lord Kitchener, dated Bloemfontein, Dec. 5 "General Knox re-engaged De Wet north of Bethulie on the Smithfield road yesterday. He drove the enemy from all their positions before dark, when they retreated northward. Colonel Pilcher assisted by a turning movement on Knox's left." Lord Kitchener reports also several minor affairs.

### TOO MUCH WATER.

Mines That Had to Suspend On Ac count of Drouth Are Now Flooded.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 5.-While up to a few days ago operations had to be suspended in many coal mires in Lugerne and Schuylkill counties on account of lack of water, the opposite conditions now prevail in some instances. The downpour of rain of the past few days has been so heavy that operations had to be suspended at Cuyle Fros., Dick and Co.'s, the Crawford and Dugan, and the Beaver Brook strippings.

Several washeries also had to close down on account of the weather and some collieries the mine pumps had to be started up to relieve the slopes of accumulated water.

### RESUMPTION AT PITTSTON.

Employment Given to About 5,000 Coal Diggers and Outside Men.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburg, Dec. 5.-There was a general resumption of operations at the river coal mines to-day, employment being given to about five thousand diggers and outside workmen. The have been idle for several months

Of the 39,000,000 bushels of coal that had accumulated fully one-half has been sent to the southern markets and the balance will likely be sent out if a good boating stage results from the present rain.

### Masonic Grand Lodge Officers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 5.—The grand lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons, today held its annual meeting with 1,400 members in attendance. These officers were elected: Right certley grand master, George E. Wagner; right right worthy senior grand warden, James W Brown; right worthy junior grand warden, Geo, Kendrick, jr.; right worthy grand treasurer, Thomas R. Patton; right worthy grand secretary

### No Decision on Revision of Faith. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 5.-The special committee of sixteen appointed by the last Presbyterian assem-bly to report to the next general meeting on the question of a revision of the confession of faith continues its sessions today. At the close or the day's business the amountsment was made that nothing had been done beyond the discussion of the question under consideration.

### **ARMY BILL IN** THE HOUSE

Day Devoted to the Military Reorganization Measure-General Debate.

### INTERESTED SPECTATORS

Lieutenant General Miles and Other Army Officers Present-Speeches Made for and Against the Bill-Mr. McCall Refuses to Follow His Party in Several Instances-Philippine Policy Attacked - Other Business.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 5.-The house devoted the day to the army reorganization bill, which was brought up under a special order, adopted at the opening of the session, which limited general debate to two hours on a side. Lieutenant General Miles and a number of army officers were interested spectators throughout the day, Chairman Hull, of the military commission, who was in charge of the bill, and Mr. Parker, of New Jersey, who is a member of the military committee, Republicans, spoke for the bill, and Messrs. Cochrane, of Missouri; Kleberg, of Texas; McC'ellan, of New York; Shafroth, of Colorado; Cummings, of New York, and Cox, of Tennessee, Democrats, against it. Mr. McCall, of Massachusetts, Republican, aroused the only enthusiasm of the day against the measure.

Several times during the last session notably on the Porto Rican tariff bill. he refused to follow his party. Today attacked the whole Philippine policy of the administration. Although temperate in language, he was plainspoken in his warnings of the danger. which lay ahead of the government it a colonial policy was persisted in. He also criticized, technically, several fcatures of the bill, especially that lodging in the president the discretion to expand or reduce the size of the army at

In concluding he likened the unconquerable spirit which opposed our sway in the Philippines to that of Washington at Valley Forge. Love of independence, he said, was the "noblest heritage of the human heart." He declared that the United States should immediately give the Filipino people the honorable until congress acted to the contrary, pany in the beginning of the present we must assert and enforce our savereignty over the Philippines or disgrace the duty of congress to provide an army adequate to put down the rebellion. Eleven of the twenty-six pages of the bill were disposed of before adjournment.

Tomorrow the Grout oleomargarine hill, under a special order made at the last session, will displace the army bill. which will go over until Friday.

### The Subsidy Bill.

Washington, Dec. 5 .- Senator Free at today's session of the senate concluded his speech upon the ship subsidy bill. He devoted his attention principally to a technical explanation of the various provisions of the measure, explaining with especial care that provision which would admit to American registry for-

eign built ships. From several sources his attention was directed to this provision, and it is vidently one upon which most of the forthcoming debate will rest. Aside from the speech of Mr. Frve, no bustness of importance was transacted in executive session.

### TWENTY-SIX KILLED.

Terrific Explosion of Dynamite at the San Andres Mines.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Presa. Mexico City, Dec. 5,-An explosion of dynamite yesterday at the mines at San Andres De La Sierra killed or wounded many miners. At the latest advices 26 bodies had been recovered. Fifteen injured persons, some of whom will die, were taken from the wreckage and the ruins are thought to contain other victims.

It is not known as yet how the explosion occurred but nine cases of dynamite blew up at the powder house with appalling roar, shaking the country for miles around. When the panic had partially subsided, the wives and children of the miners hurried to the scene, finding all the buildings wrecked and dead bodies fearfully mangled lying about.

### STRIKE AT LATROBE.

Fifty Foreign Miners Brought in from Connellsville.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Latrobe, Pa., Dec. 5.-Nothing new developed in the strike situation today at the works of the Bessemer Coal and Coke company. About fifty foreign miners were brought in from the Connellsville region, but no attempt was made to run the works. The striking miners are still camped

about the tipple and the mouth of the mines, but as yet they have offered to make no further demonstration.

### Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 5 .- Arrived: Columbia, Genes Cleared: La Gascogne, Havre: Rotterdam, Roiterdam. Sailed: St. Louis, Southampton; Noordland, Antwerp; Teutonic, Liverpool, Phymouth—Arrived; Pretoria, New York for Hum-burg. Scuthampton—Arrived; Katser Wilhelm Der Grosse. New York for Bremen. Liverpool-Arrived; Oceanic, New York. Lizard—Passed; Amsterdam, New York for Botterdam.

### JUNIATA ELECTION CONTEST.

Thomas Hackendorn Begins Proceedings in Courts at Mifflintown.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Mifflintown, Pa., Dec. 5.—For the purpose of contesting the election of Thos. K. Beaver, Republican, to the legislature from this (Juniata county), Thos. N. Hackendorn, Democrat, today began proceedings in the court of common pleas. The vote as announced by the return judges was: Beaver, 1.693 votes; Hackendorn, 1,691 votes. Beaver was given a certificate of election. Hackendorn alleges the returns of the judges were false because of illegal voting for Beaver in the following

districts: Four illegal votes in Millintown four in Milford; three in Patterson. two in Fayette and four in Beale. Hackendorn also alleges that Amos Fry, the judge of election in Walker township, was incapable of exercising the office of judge and for this reason the votes cast there should be vold The 19th day of December has been fixed as the date for a hearing in open Notice of the contest and copy of the complaint was ordered to be served on Thomas K. Beaver.

### FIVE MEN ARE KILLED ON THE GRAND TRUNK

Engine Runs Down a Hand Car Containing Track Men.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Inglewood Junction, Ont., Dec. 5,-An engine on the Grand Trunk railroad near here to-day crashed into a hand car on which were five section man gloing to their work. All of them were killed instantly. Their

names are: John Allen. Oliver Ellis Earl McArthu Arthur Frame All were married and lived in Chet-

tenham.

### PENNSYLVANIA'S PENSIONERS.

Officers and Employes Shall Be Retired at the Age of 70 Years.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 5.-A. J. Cassatt. president of the Pennsylvania railroad company issued a general notice to-day stating that in accordance with the action of the board of directors on Nov. 28, the employes on the lines of the Allegheny Valley railroad and the Western New York & Pennsylvania railroad, which are now embenced in the Allegheny Valley and Philadelphia & Eric general divisions, would, after Jahuary 1, 1991, be enassurance that they should have a gov- titled to the benefits of the plan for ernment of their own. In replying to the payment of pension allowances Mr. McCall, Mr. Hull declared that which was established by the com-

The principal features of the pension ourselves before the world, and it was plan are that all officers and employes shall be retired and receive pension allowances upon reaching 70 years of age, or who are sixty-five years of age and have been for thirty years in service and become thysically disqualified.

### GAS EXPLOSION AT ASHLEY MINES

Six Men Are Badly Burned-The Colliery Damaged to Some Extent.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Witkes-Barre, Dec. 5.-White a numof men were driving a plane in the Maywell mine of the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal company at Ashley this morning, an explosion of gas occurred which burned six men and damaged the mine to some extent. he names of the victims are:

Martin 'Moran. James Gilden. Audro Wanto. John Potako

Paul Cetarkus. Andrew Tanrushan. Moran and Potsko are quite badly burned and may die. The others will recover. The explosion was caused by one of the men igniting a feeder of gas which was not known to exist at the place where the men were at

#### SECRETARY OF TREASURY SENDS ESTIMATES.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 5 .- The secretary of the sury sent to congress the annual estimates of the government for the coming year. appreciate \$626,741,762, a slight decrease from the total estimates of last year. The appro-priations for the present year are \$585,655,362. estimates cover every branch of several-nt service. The war department estimates ment service. are \$176,658,345 and the nevy department \$88, Among the public building estimate are Altoona, Pa., court house and postoffice, 375.000; Wilkes-Barre, Pa., postoffice, 875.000.

The total for rivers and harbors, including continuing contracts, is 833.881,517. The total for payment of pensions is \$144,000,000.

### Mr. Thurber at New Orleans.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New Orleans, Dec. 5,-At the session of the uthern industrial convention today, close atntion was paid by the large audience to the reading of the paper of Hon, F. B. Thurber, president of the United States Export association of New York. Mr. Thurber was given a cordial reception on his appearance and was warmly applauded when he finished.

### The Ballots Were Too Thin.

ly Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Condersport, Pa., Dec. 5 -W. W. Crittenden the Twenty-fifth district, has taken steps t entest the election of Myron W. Water sublican, on the allegation of illegal ballots, claiming that the paper upon which the ballots were printed was not of a thickness to comply with section 15 of the act of June 10, 1893.

### Miss McComas Married.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 5 .- President McKinley, accompanied by Secretary Gage and Private Sec-retary Cortelyou, today attended the marriage of Miss Mary McComas, daughter of Sonator Me-Comas, of Maryland, and Clinton Goodlee Edgar, at St. John's Episcopal church.

### THE CENSUS BY CITIES

Figures Gongerning Gertain Incorporated Municipalities in Pennsulvania.

### BOROUGHS AND CITIES

Complete List of the Places in the Keystone State Having More Than Two Thousand and Less Than Twenty-five Thousand Inhabit-

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 5.-The population of certain incorporated places in Pennsylvania having more than 2,000 but

less than 25,600 inhabitants, is as	ful-
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Apollo 2,924 McDonald	2,170
Archbold 5,390 McKees Rocks	0.352
Ashland 6,438 Mahanov City	HW.8
Ashley 4,010 Manheim	2,100
Athers 3,749 Marietta	2,469
Avalon 2,139 Manch Chunk	1.021
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Beaver 2,348 Mechanicsburg	3,811
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Berwick 3.919 Milton	6,170
Rethlehem, 7,293 Miner's Mills	9,994
Birdsboro 2:204 Minersville	4.810
Blairsville 3,380 Monaca	2,008
Makely 3,915 Monessen	2.197
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Kingston	3.86k	Washimaton	7.670		
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Knoyville	3.51k	Waynesboro	2.54k		
Lansdade	2.75k	Wantherly	2.47k		
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#### 2.762 Winton 3.42 2.152 Wrightsville 2.26 Zerbe Will Have Recount.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 5.-Dr. Thomas Zerbe, who is a Quay candidate was declared detected for he assembly by Professor E. Benjamin Rier man, an anti-Quay nomince, by the recent election, today asked for a recount of the entire vote. A petition signed by twenty voters, presented in the common pleas court that Dr. Zerbe's defeat was accomplished by the election board counting irreguhar and illegal votes for Professor Bierman. Judge Ehrgood appointed Dec. 19 as the fin

#### for hearing the complaint. DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 5 .- M. W. McAlarney, edito of the Harrisburg Telegraph, died at his hom here this afternoon, aged 60 years. Mr. Me Alarney was postmaster of Harrisburg from 187: poard of trade and prominently interested in the religious work of the city. During the civil was Mr. McAlarney was provest marshal of the Eighteenth Pennsylvania district.

today.
Allentown, Dec. 5.—Charles H. Poster, wh represented Lehigh county in the state house or representatives from 1878 to 1880, died today at annport, this county, from neoralgia of the heart. He was 65 years of age. Paris, Dec. 5.- M. Schnaebele, whose impris-onment by the Germans at Metz in 1887 nearly

Richardson, postmaster of Cape May City, died

ed to war between France and Germany, at Nancy this afternoon of apoplexy. In April, 1887, a German official decoyed M. Schnachele, a French police commissary, to the frontier and had him arrested and imprisoned. This occurred

at a time when popular feeling against Germany ran high in France.

New York, Dec. à.—A special cable dispatch to the Brooklyn Eagle from Rome says Mrs. Abby Sage Richardson, dramatist, poet, literary critic and translator, died in that city today She was the widow of the late Albert Deans Richardson, the newspaper man and author, long time correspondent of the New York Tribune is the civil war and afterward an editor on tha Mrs. Richardson was born in Massachu paper. Mos. setts in 1837.

### THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today.

FAIR; WESTERLY WINDS.

General-Evil of New Laws for Second Class Cities.

Population of Boroughs and Cities in Penn evivania. House Considers the Army Reorganization Bill Bill to Reduce War Tax.

General-Carbondale Department,

Local-One Day's Record of Criminal Coner Doings. Scranton Will Have a Spike Mill, Y. M. C. A. Secretary Has a Lively Time,

Local-Miraculous Escape of Thirty-Two Men in Nay Aug Mine. Evil of New Laws for Second Class Cities (Concluded),

Editorial.

Local-West Scranton and Suburban General-Gathering of Temperance Women as Washington, Northeastern Pennsylvania News,

Local-Live News of the Industrial World

### RULINGS MADE BY SUPREME COURT

Opinions Handed Down by Chief Justice McCollum.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Presa. Philadelphia, Dec. 5.-Chief Justice McCollum, of the Supreme court, in chambers in this city, too sy made an order on the petition of t. Pittsburg, Johnstown, Ebensburg and Eastern Railroad company and the Altoona and Beach Creek Terminal Railroad company, suspending an order of the Supreme court, made May 29 last, which compelled the petitioners to build their road and connection on or before January 1, 1901, and in the event of their failure to do so the companies, under the court's order, would be obliged to surrender the railroad property and the leased frar hises.

The Altona and Beech Creek Railroad company, lessees of the road, sought to recover the rental for the road due under the lease, and to compel the petitioners, in the paper acted upon today, to build the road and connections provided for in the agreement

The petition filed today with the chief justice says that while the case was pending in the Supreme court the Alteona and Beech Creek Hailroad company obtained from Judge John G. Love a writ of assistance to take nossession of the railroad property and franchises, then in the possession of the petitioners of today. On May 15 the sheriff of Blair county ousted the petitioners from the property and delivered it to the Altoona and Beech Creek company. The petition then says the case was taken before the late Chief Justice Green, who made an order directing the return of the property. The petitioners then say that since the return of the property on June 15, they have expended large sums of money for road improvements, have paid the rentals under the lease and have otherwise expended money for improvements. The petition says, in order to connect the Altoona and Phillipsburg vailroad with the Altoona and Beech Creek railroad, as required by the lease, it will be necessary to construct eighteen miles of road, and since the 18th of June three of the eighteen miles have been tied, railed and ballasted, at a total cost for the three miles of \$40,500. The petitioners then go on to say that they have started the grading of the road into the city of Altoons and are now proceeding to lay the track. They have all the rails, ties and materials to extend the road to Fairview, adjoining the city of Altoona.

### TWO MEN DROWNED.

Cables Across the Androscoggan River Snap and Let Seven Men Fall Into the Water.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Berlin, N. H., Dec. 5-Two men were drowned and five others are suffering from exposure as the result of the collapse today of a suspension bridge for the use of laborers on the roperty of the Burgess Sulphite Fibra company. The men who lost their lives were Thomas McKeown and Thomas Rogers, of the Burgess com-

pany. The bridge was suspended on wire ables at a height of about 50 feet over the falls on the Androscoggan river. Seven of the company's employes vere crossing the structure when one of the cables snapped, precipitating all the men into the water. Rogers and McKeown were drowned before any one could reach them. The remaining five were rescued after considerable difficulty. McKeown leaves a widow and one child. Rogers was 21 years of age and belonged in Canada.

### DEATH FROM HYDROPHOBIA.

Resident of Brownsville Dies Ten

Weeks After Being Bitten. Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Shenandoah, Dec. 5 .- James Lawlor, iged 24 years, a resident of Browns fille, a suburb of this place, died this evening from an attack of hydrophobia. He was bitten by a dog about ten weeks ago, but felt no ill effects from until yesterday when he began to how symptoms of rables. Six of the best physicians in country attended the sufferer, but

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great agony this evening.

ould afford no relief, and he died in

FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 5 .- Representative Kitchen, of North Carolina, has introduced in the house resolution for a constitutional amendment to epeal the fifteenth amendment to the corti-

## LOG ROLLING

### MAIN EVIL OF **NEW LAWS**

Second-Glass Gitu Form of Government Readily Permits of and Fosters This Sort of Thing.

### HOW IT WORKS IN THE CITY OF ALLEGHENY

Although the Population of Allegheny Is Only About a Fourth More Than That of Scranton, Its Cost of Government Is More Than Four Times Greater-The Salaries of the Executive and Administrative Officers Do Not Differ Very Materially, but in the Matter of Subordinate Officials and Employes, Who Are Appointed by the Directors on the Nomination of Councilmen, There Seems to Be an Unending Variety and Profusion.

#### ARTICLE III. T. J. DUFFY.

Log rolling, according to the opponents of the second class city charter, in Pittsburg and Allegheny, is the great evil incident to that form of government. As explained in previous letters, Pittsburg and Allegheny system of government quite readily permits the municipal powers to perpetuate themselves in office, once they gain control. The councilmen elect the department directors and they in turn, by building up a well-arranged. assessable and necessary subservient fighting force in each ward, can practically dictate the election of councilmen. This, as is evident on the face of it, means a close working alliance between the three directors and the councilmen, or, at least, such of the latter as are allied with the ascendant party or faction, as the case may be, and, the consequence is that the only check on the city's affairs is the selfish judgment of the latter as to how far things will stretch without breaking.

A suggestion from Mayor Wyman of Allegheny, conveys a practical idea of the evils of this log rolling. "Besure." said he, "to make your new ordinances stringent in the matter of limitations of department employes. Do not leave this matter to the discretion of the directors. They may be capable and have the most honest intentions, but they are only human and when one of their creators wants a man put on the street, sewer, water or some other force, they must needs exercise their gratitude and out him on. If the director should say there wasn't any money available, the councilmen would remove that objection by having the money forthwith sup-

#### plied. What Director Must Do.

The directors must attend to the wants of the councilmen; the councilmen have wants; the directors are responsible only to the councilmen; the councilmen are themselves responsible to the people, but the ward machines controlled by the directors, stand between them and the will of the people, and the result of it all is that the government is not of, for or by the people, unless the officials

are willing that it should be. This sort of willingness, however, does not seen to be greatly encouraged in Pittsburg, at least. Director Bigelow, of the department of public works "resigned" last June. Inquiry among the Flinnites as to the cause of his resignation will adduce the statement that he refused to obey a mandate of councils. The other side will tell you that the mandate of councils he refused to obey directed him to buy a lot for a price he deemed exorbitant.

Scranton city officials, to judge from past experience, are no better than the average and this being the case, there is no assurance but that this city under a second class form of government would be made liable to this same abuse in time. The fact that the people at large, being ignorant of the declared workings of the new form of government, would be in a measure blindfolded as to what is necessary and what is superfluous in the matter of officials and employes, makes strong and immediate temptation to councils to create offices which, if not wholly superfluous, would at least be verging on what might be termed extravagant.

To show the possibilities of this sort of thing a presentation of the detailed expense bill of Allegheny is

#### clearly demonstrative. Allegheny's Population.

Allegheny has a population of 129,-00, or about 26,000 more than Scranton. It is very hilly and rocky, but its area is only seven square miles as against Scranton's nineft en. 1t hes public water works, public lighting and a public market, but these ought, at least, to be self supporting, and in making a comparison of the financial affairs of the two cities,

#### ++++++++++++++++ WEATHER FORECAST.

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Washington, Dec. 5 .- Forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair Thursday and Fri-\*\*\*\*\*\*\*